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13 UNUM CORPORATION (a now non-existent

14 entity, properly referred to as Unum Group)

15 and METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

16 (successor in interest by merger to

17 NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL

18 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY)

19 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

20 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

21 CLAUDIA L. BLAKE

22 Plaintiff,

23 vs.

24 UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION;
25 UNUM CORPORATION, NEW ENGLAND
26 MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
27 COMMISSIONER OF THE CALIFORNIA
28 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, and DOES
1 through 20 inclusive,

Defendants.

) Case No.: C07-4366 EMC

) **REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE**
) **AND DECLARATION OF JOHN C.**
) **FERRY IN SUPPORT OF**
) **DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO**
) **MOTION TO REMAND**

1 **REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE**

2 Defendants Unum Group (formerly known as Unumprovident Corporation), Unum
3 Corporation (a now non-existent entity, properly referred to as Unum Group) and Metlife
4 Insurance Company (successor in interest by merger to New England Mutual Life Insurance
5 Company by and through their attorneys of record, hereby request the Court to take judicial
6 notice pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 201 of the following facts:

7 1. Order of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco in *Majhouri v.*
8 *Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co., Unumprovident Corporation, the California Department of*
9 *Insurance*, Case No. CGC-07-461992, dated September 28, 2007. (Ferry Dec., ¶ 5, Ex A)

10 2. Order of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco in *Squiers v.*
11 *Unumprovident Corporation, The Unum Life Insurance Company of America, Unumprovident,*
12 *the Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance*, Case No. CGC-07-462326, dated
13 September 28, 2007. (Ferry Dec., ¶ 6, Ex B)

14 3. Legal Notice, California Business Portal, Corporate Communications and
15 Company List for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. (Ferry Dec., ¶ 12, Ex C)

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18 **DECLARATION OF JOHN C. FERRY**

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20 I, JOHN C. FERRY, declare as follows:

21 1. I am an attorney at law, over the age of 21 years, and am Of Counsel to Kelly,
22 Herlihy & Klein, counsel for defendants Unum Group (formerly known as Unumprovident
23 Corporation), Unum Corporation (a now non-existent entity, properly referred to as Unum
24 Group) and Metlife Insurance Company (successor in interest by merger to New England Mutual
25 Life Insurance Company). I am licensed to practice in all courts in the State of California and
26 have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and am competent to testify to the same. The
27 matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1 2. I submit this declaration in support of Defendants' opposition to plaintiff's motion
2 to remand.

3 3. Kelly, Herlilhy & Klein also represents Unum Group in two matters presently
4 pending before the Superior Court of the City and County of San Francisco. Both matters were
5 filed by Ms Blake's counsel, Bourhis & Mann, and both contain causes of action against the
6 California Department of Insurance ("DOI") and/or the Insurance Commissioner of the State of
7 California ("Commissioner"). Both contain allegations against the DOI/Commissioner that are
8 similar to those presented herein and the DOI/Commissioner raised arguments similar to those
9 presented by Defendants herein.

10 4. The DOI and the Commissioner demurred in both actions and the court sustained
11 both demurrers with leave to amend.

12 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the court's Order in
13 *Majhouri v. Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co., Unumprovident Corporation, the California*
14 *Department of Insurance*, Case No. CGC-07-461992, dated September 28, 2007.

15 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the court's Order in
16 *Squiers v. Unumprovident Corporation, The Unum Life Insurance Company of America,*
17 *Unumprovident, the Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance*, Case No. CGC-
18 07-462326, dated September 28, 2007.

19 7. In both demurrer orders Judge Patrick J. Mahoney instructed plaintiff on what
20 should be included in the amended complaints: "The amendment must spell out the mandatory
21 duties the Commissioner allegedly has failed to perform and must allege facts that establish a
22 cause of action under Insurance Code sections 790.03 and 10291.5."

23 8. Bourhis and Mann have filed amended complaints in both Mahjouri and Squiers
24 and the DOI has filed a second demurrer in each action. The hearing on both matters is set for
25 November 27, 2007.

26 9. Kelly, Herlilhy & Klein also represents Unum Group in another matter filed by
27 Bourhis & Mann that is presently pending before Judge Hamilton of this Court on a motion to
28 remand: *Hughes v. Unumprovident Corporation, Unum Corporation, New York Life Insurance*

1 *Company, The Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance*, Case No. C07-4088
 2 PJH. Plaintiff's counsel has filed his opening brief; defendants' opposition brief is due
 3 November 7, Plaintiff's reply brief is due on November 14, and the matter is set for hearing on
 4 November 28, 2007.

5 10. I am informed and believe that Bourhis & Mann have filed another remand
 6 motion in a matter pending before Chief Judge Walker: *Sukin v. State Farm Mutual Automobile*
 7 *Insurance Company, State Farm Insurance and The Commissioner of the California Department*
 8 *of Insurance*, Case No. C 072829. I am further informed and believe that *Sukin* has been briefed,
 9 argued and submitted to the Court.

10 11. The above enumerated cases -- *Majhoury, Squiers, Hughes and Sukin* -- all
 11 present the same issues on remand as are presented herein: whether causes of action for
 12 mandamus and declaratory relief regarding policy approvals, the California Settlement
 13 Agreement and the reassessment program present cognizable claims against the California
 14 Department of Insurance and the California Commissioner of Insurance.

15 12. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the Legal Notice,
 16 California Business Portal, Corporate Communications, and Company List for Metropolitan Life
 17 Insurance Company which I downloaded from that company's official website. This information
 18 confirms that Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is incorporated in the State of New York
 19 and has its principal place of business in New York City, New York. The List of Companies
 20 identifies New England Mutual Life Insurance Company as a member company of Metropolitan
 21 Life Insurance Company.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and of the
 23 United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 29th day of October, 2007, at
 24 San Francisco, California.



John C. Ferry

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EXHIBIT “A”

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

FARHAD S. MAHJOURI, M.D., M.P.H.,
 F.I.C.S.,

Plaintiff,

PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT
 INSURANCE COMPANY,
 UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION, THE
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
 INSURANCE; and DOES 1 through 50,
 inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CGC-07-461992

**[PROPOSED] ORDER SUSTAINING
 WITHOUT LEAVE TO AMEND THE
 DEMURRER OF DEFENDANT
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
 INSURANCE TO THE COMPLAINT OF
 PLAINTIFF FARHAD S. MAHJOURI,
 M.D.**

Date: September 28, 2007
 Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Dept.: 302
 Action Filed: April 4, 2007
 Trial Date: None Yet

The above-captioned case came on regularly for hearing on September 28, 2007 before the Honorable Patrick J. Mahoney, on the demurrer of the California Department of Insurance to the Fifth and Sixth Causes of Action of the Complaint of plaintiff Farhad S. Mahjouri.

The Department of Insurance appeared through its attorneys Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Anne Michelle Burr, Deputy Attorney General. Plaintiff appeared through his attorneys Bourhis & Mann.

The Court considered the moving, opposition and reply papers, as well as the arguments of counsel at the hearing. For good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

Defendant Department of Insurance's demurrer is sustained without leave to amend for the reasons contained within Defendant's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Demurrer. The Fifth Cause of Action is not viable because plaintiff has failed to set forth any facts showing how the Department of Insurance (or the Insurance Commissioner) violated the law. Moreover, even if factual allegations could be made, plaintiff cannot obtain the relief he seeks. Defendant has the discretion to determine if and how the Insurance Code will be enforced against insurers. Plaintiff cannot force the Insurance Commissioner to exercise his discretion in a particular manner, nor compel the Insurance Commissioner to investigate and take action against the insurers. (*Common Cause v. Board of Supervisors* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 432, 442; *State of California v. Superior Court* (1974) 12 Cal.3d 237, 247-248.) Finally, the Sixth Cause of Action is not a viable cause of action because declaratory relief is not a proper vehicle to seek review of an administrative agency's actions. (*State of California v. Superior Court, supra*, 12 Cal.3d at 247-249.)

Defendant Department of Insurance is hereby dismissed from this action, with prejudice.

Dated:

Judge of the Superior Court

EXHIBIT “B”

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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

11 ELIZABETH SQUIERS, M.D.,

12 Plaintiff,

13 UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION, THE
14 UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF
15 AMERICA, THE COMMISSIONER OF
16 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE; and DOES 1 through 20,
inclusive,

17 Defendants.

Case No. CGC-07-462326

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER SUSTAINING
WITH LEAVE TO AMEND THE
DEMURRER OF DEFENDANT
COMMISSIONER OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE TO THE COMPLAINT OF
PLAINTIFF ELIZABETH SQUIERS,
M.D.**

Date: September 28, 2007
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 302
Action Filed: April 4, 2007
Trial Date: None Yet

21 The above-captioned case came on regularly for hearing on September 28, 2007 before
22 the Honorable Patrick J. Mahoney, on the demurrer of the Commissioner of the California
23 Department of Insurance to the Fifth and Sixth Causes of Action of the Complaint of plaintiff
24 Elizabeth Squiers, M.D.

25 The Commissioner appeared through his attorneys Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney
26 General of the State of California, by Anne Michelle Burr, Deputy Attorney General. Plaintiff
27 appeared through her attorneys Bourhis & Mann.

28 The Court considered the moving, opposition and reply papers, as well as the arguments
of counsel at the hearing. For good cause shown,

1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

2 Defendant Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance's demurrer is
3 sustained with leave to amend in 10 days. The petition for the writ must be verified. The
4 amendment must spell out the mandatory duties the Commissioner allegedly has failed to
5 perform and must allege facts that establish a cause of action under Insurance Code sections
6 790.03 and 10291.5.

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8 Dated:

SEP 28 2007

PATRICK J. MAHONEY

Judge of the Superior Court

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

Case Name: **Elizabeth Squiers, MD v. UNUMProvident Corporation, et al.**

No.: **CGC-07-462326**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter; my business address is 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business. My facsimile machine telephone number is (415) 703-5480.

On September 28, 2007 at 11:05 Am., I served the **ORDER SUSTAINING WITH LEAVE TO AMEND THE DEMURRER OF DEFENDANT COMMISSIONER OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO THE COMPLAINT OF PLAINTIFF ELIZABETH SQUIERS, M.D.** by transmitting a true copy by facsimile machine, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.306. The facsimile machine I used complied with Rule 2.306, and no error was reported by the machine. Pursuant to rule 2.306(g)(4), I caused the machine to print a record of the transmission, a copy of which is attached to this declaration. In addition, I placed a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereof fully prepaid, in the internal mail system of the Office of the Attorney General, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on September 28, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

Staci Caston
Declarant


Signature

EXHIBIT “C”

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Corporation

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Number: C0034217

Date Filed: 11/2/1901

Status: active

Jurisdiction: NEW YORK

Address

ONE METLIFE PL 27-01 QUEENS PLAZA N

LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

Agent for Service of Process

C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

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MetLife, Inc.
c/o Corporate Secretary
One MetLife Plaza
27-01 Queens Plaza North
Long Island City, NY 11101

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METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Reference Information

NAIC #:	65978
NAIC Group #:	<u>0241</u>
California Company ID #:	0118-0
Date authorized in California:	August 01, 1908
License Status:	UNLIMITED-NORMAL
Company Type:	LIFE/DISABILITY
State of Domicile:	NEW YORK

Lines of Insurance Authorized to Transact

The company is authorized to transact business within these lines of insurance. For an explanation of any of these terms, please refer to the glossary.

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Company Name	State of Domicile	NAIC Number	NAIC Group Number	Name Type
ECONOMY FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY (Info)	IL	22926	0241	Legal Name
ECONOMY FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY (Info)	IL	22926	0241	Old Name
FIRST GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY DBA METLIFE CALIFORNIA PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	RI	25321	0241	Old Name
GENERAL AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MO	63665	0241	Legal Name
METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT (Info)	CT	87726	0241	Legal Name
METLIFE INVESTORS INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MO	93513	0241	Legal Name
METLIFE INVESTORS USA INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	DE	61050	0241	Legal Name
METLIFE LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT (Info)	CT	80950	0241	Legal Name
METROPOLITAN DIRECT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	RI	25321	0241	Legal Name
METROPOLITAN GROUP PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	RI	34339	0241	Legal Name
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	NY	65978	0241	Legal Name
METROPOLITAN REINSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	RI	34339	0241	Old Name
METROPOLITAN TOWER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	DE	97136	0241	Legal Name
NEW ENGLAND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MA	91626	0241	Legal Name
NEW ENGLAND PENSION AND ANNUITY COMPANY (Info)	MA	91626	0241	Old Name
NEW ENGLAND VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MA	91626	0241	Old Name
RGA REINSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MO	93572	0241	Legal Name
SAINT LOUIS REINSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	MO	93572	0241	Old Name

SOUTHERN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	RI	25321	<u>0241</u>	Old Name
TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Info)	TX	69396	<u>0241</u>	Legal Name
TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY (ACCIDENT DEPT) (Info)	CT	39357	<u>0241</u>	Legal Name
TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY (THE) (Info)	CT	87726	<u>0241</u>	Old Name
TRAVELERS LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY (THE) (Info)	CT	80950	<u>0241</u>	Old Name

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